

In The Specification

Please replace paragraph **[0010]** on page 2, lines 21-31 with the following amended paragraph.

[0010] Maldistribution of liquid in packed two-phase mass/heat transfer columns has long been recognized as leading to poor mass/heat transfer efficiency. Liquid maldistribution may be due to: initially presenting the liquid to the packing non-uniformly; maldistributed vapor flow which forces liquid maldistribution through the mechanism of vapor/liquid shear; and the packing itself, which has an inherent "natural distribution" to which the liquid distribution tends, regardless of initial liquid presentation. It is well known that liquid tends to accumulate near the walls of columns containing structured packing as shown in U.S. Pat. No. ~~6,288,818 B1~~ 6,286,818 B1 (Buhlman), U.S. Pat. No. 6,513,795 B2 (Sunder), and numerous publications in the published literature (e.g., Stoter *et al.*, "Measurement and modeling of liquid distribution in structured packings," Chem. Eng. J. (1993) 53 55).

Please replace paragraph **[0032]** on page 17, lines 15-18 with the following amended paragraph.

[0032] ‡ It is still further desired to have an apparatus and a method for collecting and redistributing a flow of liquid descending in an exchange column which decrease the likelihood of malperformance caused by gross liquid maldistribution in a packed column by mitigating the effects of liquid maldistribution.

Please replace paragraph **[0070]** on page 15, lines 9-13 with the following amended paragraph.

[0070] The present invention addresses the need to collect descending liquid from the column wall and/or near-wall region in the packed section of an exchange column and to redistribute that liquid ~~toward~~ toward the center of the column (*i.e.*, away from the wall). The present invention achieves such liquid redistribution without incurring high manufacturing costs and/or significant costs associated with additional column height.